



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – February 8, 2016

FirstNet News

- The opportunity to submit all requests for RFP clarification ends no later than 1:00pm Eastern Time on Friday, February 12, 2016. All requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing by email to FirstNetRFPQuestions@firstnet.gov, as identified in Section J, Attachment J-5, Questions Template.
- Reminder – please save the date for the Spring SPOC Meeting, expected to be held in Northern Virginia April 12-13 or April 13-14. Logistical information and a draft agenda are expected to be disseminated next week. In addition, you should have received a calendar invitation last week for a SPOC webinar on Friday, February 26 from 1:00-3:00pm Eastern Time.
- Last week, the User Advocacy (UA) team continued its State single point of contact (SPOC) consultation kick-off meetings with Idaho, Missouri, Oklahoma, and the District of Columbia. The team will meet this week with Oregon.
- Last week, FirstNet also posted three new entries on its blog: [PSAC Task Teams on ICAM, Local Control Kick Off Work](#) by Chief Harlin R. McEwen, Chairman, Public Safety Advisory Committee; [U.S./Canada CAUSE IV Experiment](#), reposted from the [Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate](#), about an initiative designed to improve information-sharing and situational awareness for public safety operations in Canada and the U.S.; and the initial consultation meeting in [American Samoa](#). All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.
- This week, FirstNet is speaking at the National Sheriffs Association (NSA) in Washington, DC; the United South and Eastern Tribes Impact Week meeting in Arlington, VA; the Communications Planner Working Group meeting in Bluemont, VA; the 2016 California Nations Indian Gaming quarterly meeting in Center, CA; the Delaware Broadband Task Force meeting in Dover, DE; and the Iowa Interoperability Board meeting in West Des Moines, IA. FirstNet will also be holding its monthly Federal Agency point of contact (POC) call this week.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- On February 4, the FirstNet Board passed resolution 73 unanimously, reappointing Chief Harlin McEwen to his fourth term as PSAC Chair.
- The PSAC held meetings with the ICAM and Local Control Task Teams, as well as the Tribal Working Group (TWG).

Media Watch

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Urgent Communications: FCC official addresses T-Band issue during hearing before Congress

<http://urgentcomm.com/policy/fcc-official-addresses-t-band-issue-during-hearing-congress>

Congress included the mandate that public-safety licensees clear the T-Band frequencies (470-512 MHz) in the UHF band as part of the legislation that reallocated D Block spectrum to public safety and established FirstNet as the entity to oversee the deployment and operation of a nationwide public-safety broadband network, so the spectrum can be auctioned. T-Band LMR systems exist in 11 metropolitan areas, including many of the largest cellular markets in the nation.

RCR Wireless News: Reality Check: 'To do' lists for Sprint, AT&T and Time Warner Cable

<http://www.rcrwireless.com/20160202/opinion/reality-check-to-do-lists-for-sprint-att-and-time-warner-cable-tag12>

Jim Patterson lines up what Sprint, AT&T and TWC have on their plates for 2016. AT&T's 'to do' list...10. Win the FirstNet deal and implement as quickly as possible.

FCW: Congress watching FirstNet security, state opt-ins

<https://fcw.com/articles/2016/02/02/firstnet-hearing-rockwell.aspx>

The First Responder Network Authority is awaiting industry responses to its request for proposals to build a nationwide public safety communications system for federal, state and local law enforcement and other first responders. At a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, Chairman Greg Walden (R-Ore.) noted that "the die is cast."

Radio Resource/Mission Critical: FirstNet PSAC Sets Requirements for Local Control, Identity Management

<http://www.mccmag.com/News/NewsDetails/NewsID/13889>

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) established local control and identity and credential and access management (ICAM) task teams. FirstNet's goals for the local control task team are to further define and refine the operational requirements of FirstNet's local control application. In addition, FirstNet is particularly interested in the PSAC's advice for developing governance of the use of quality of service, priority and preemption (QPP) by public safety and sharing such governance with the user community.

Web and Social Media

Social media numbers jumped considerably last week, likely due to the Congressional hearing and corresponding media coverage. The Twitter account gained more than 65 followers, which is more than twice the average weekly gain. Twitter is now at 3,174 followers; LinkedIn has 1,318 followers; YouTube jumped to 219 subscribers; and Google+ now has 63 users.